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SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (By KB8NW)

Just a reminder that there will not be an OPDX Bulletin next week and "possibly the week after". I "will" be attending the Dayton HamVention, but will be limited to conditions and how I feel. As far as the update on my health -- hopefully things are better. Monday, May 13th, I had a heart catheterization at the Cleveland Clinic to view my abnormalities. The results were -- I had a balloon angioplasty to the saphenous vein bypass graft to the diagonal anastomosis. There was a 99% blockage where my bypass graph tied into my natural artery (main left artery in the heart). It's now open and blood is flowing again. They could not use a stent because of the difference in size between the bypass graph (vein) and the artery (much smaller). If you would like to see the before and after pictures of my heart cath, go to:

before - https://sphotos-b.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-frc3/970493_261897223955204_1679757670_n.jpg
after - https://fbcdn-sphotos-b-a.akamaihd.net/hphotos-ak-prn1/923415_261897357288524_363321367_n.jpg

I did spend the night in the hospital and was released Tuesday after- noon. I am sore, but feel fine. I would like to thank the many well wishers who E-mailed me, and I hope to see them at Dayton.... 73 de Tedd

DAYTON HAMVENTION BROADCAST

Tom Medlin, W5KUB, reports the following [edited]:

"It's time for the 2013 Dayton Hamvention broadcast!! --

Please join us during our live, online broadcast of the Dayton Hamvention this week. To join the broadcast go to <http://W5KUB.com> where the fun begins!

New venue for 2013: We will be located inside Hara Arena at Booth SA302 to provide you with a totally different program. There will be no rain, hail, sleet, or snow on our cameras this year!!

During the Hamvention W5KUB will interview vendors regarding their latest products. We will have many special guests such as Bob Heil (K9EID) of Heil Sound; Martin F. Jue (K5FLU) founder of MFJ Enterprises; John Amodeo (NN6JA) producer of ABC TV's hit show, "Last Man Standing"; and many more.

During the live broadcast, you will also have the opportunity to meet and chat with other ham radio operators from all over the world. During the 2012 Dayton Hamvention we had 47,400 viewers that followed our broadcast for the 5 day broadcast!

You could win one of 43 prizes, valued over \$5,300, which will be awarded during the broadcast! The prizes include dual band mobile, HTs, D-star ID-51A, Comet Antenna Analyzer, Heil microphone and headset, antennas, weather station, computer to radio interface, spool LMR-400, auto antenna tuners, and much more. These prizes are made possible because of our relationship with partners; such as, GigaParts, Ten-Tec, NCG Company, Kantronics, MP Antenna, Heil Sound, ARRL, MFJ, and many more. In the past year over \$10,000 in prizes have been awarded! Of course, no purchase is necessary to win a prize. W5KUB is not affiliated with any products or companies and does not sell any products or services.

Dayton Hamvention broadcast schedule (all times are subject to change):

* **Wednesday, May 15th:** 1300 UTC (8:00 AM CT) drive from Memphis to Dayton, Ohio (10 hours). Yes, this will be a live broadcast!

* **Thursday, May 16th:** 1300 UTC - 2030 UTC (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM ET), set up at Hara Arena and visit with vendors.

* **Friday, May 17th:** 1200 UTC - 2100 UTC (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET), Dayton Hamvention

* **Saturday, May 18th:** 1200 UTC - 2100 UTC (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET), Dayton Hamvention

* **Sunday, May 19th:** 1200 UTC - 1600 UTC (8:00 AM - noon ET), Dayton Hamvention

* **Sunday, May 19th:** 1700 UTC (1:00 PM CT) drive from Dayton to Memphis (10 hours). Yes, this will be a live broadcast!

Join our group on Facebook at to keep up with us year-round.

Also, please help spread the word by posting this announcement in Facebook and forwarding this message to your ham radio friends that may not have received this message!

We'll 'see' you at Hamvention!.....

73, Tom Medlin, W5KUB -- <http://w5kub.com>"

VK0H, HEARD ISLAND (DXpedition Reschedule!)

Press release from the Heard Island Web page dated May 15th [edited]:

"PROJECT RESCHEDULING AND RESTRUCTURING -- We wish to announce that the expedition to Heard Island has been rescheduled for January, 2015. The primary reason for this decision was the cost of using the preferred vessel, the Marion Dufresne to put the team on Heard Island for the required time. In spite of extensive negotiations and rescheduling of the cruise, it became clear that the cost of using this vessel will exceed \$1 million, and therefore the total cost for the project would be about \$1.5 million, as we noted earlier. In spite of our plan to increase the team size to 50 (which the M-D can accommodate) to partially cover this cost, we reluctantly concluded that sponsorship at this level would be impossible. We have therefore decided to delay the expedition to January, 2015, to allow more time to restructure the project, locate a more suitable vessel, and bring the cost more in line with projected available resources.

One benefit of this rescheduling will be to enable the mountain science team to carry out the exploration of Big Ben on the 50th anniversary of the first ascent (in 1965). The 3000-meter volcano on Mawson Peak is currently erupting, and study of the changes brought by this eruption will be safe and significant during the 2015 season. A major component of the expedition will be to document the effects of the eruption, the state and condition of the flanking glaciers, and the changes in evanescent lagoons on the east slopes of the mountain.

A second benefit of the restructuring is that we will plan for amateur radio operations to be carried out over a longer time, up to 30 or more days. Furthermore, the campsite will be located on the east side of Heard Island, enabling paths to areas of the world that were not accessible in the last operation (in 1997). With the requirement of the longer stay on Heard Island, we will be assembling a new radio team with operators who are highly experienced and dedicated to the challenge of activating Heard Island with the new project requirements.

The third benefit of rescheduling is to have the time to develop sophisticated instrumentation and systems for state-of-the-art real-time communications with the expedition. We will have satellite links to enable real-time reporting of the radio log (using a new version of DXA, which was successfully used on previous DXpeditions (K7C and TX5K). In addition, we plan to implement real-time interactive communications and reporting from the mountaineering team as they explore the volcano, and to enable scientific and educational groups to work interactively with the onsite team.

The budget for the restructured project will likely be significantly less than \$500k. We plan for a total team of 12-15 persons, and we will solicit team members with experience, motivation, and multiple skills. Except for the organizing principals, we are starting anew to build the team for this very different mission. We will work

to keep the cost to participants below \$15k, and will expect the team to work together to find support and make the appropriate preparations. Safety will be paramount.

We will post an update on 15 June 2013, including an updated Project Description (under DOCUMENTS). For more information, please contact Dr. Robert Schmieder, KK6EK Organizer and Expedition leader, Schmieder (a) cordell.org, or Rich Holoch, KY6R, Co-planner rholoch (a) comcast.com. We have posted updates on the expedition website www.heardisland.org.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN

The following is a press release from Martti, OH2BH, dated May 15th [edited]:

"As part of the April 2, 2013, visit to South Sudan by a delegation headed by the Foreign Minister of Finland, several supporting elements were discussed. Just three weeks later, following a series of meetings focusing on practical matters in Juba, there was a high-level presentation, with relevant endorsements, made to the South Sudan government. The presentation was made with a view toward enlisting support on telecommunications matters in general and Amateur Radio's role in society in particular. Ultimately, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed specifying several elements of Amateur Radio as a study case for local administrators. These elements include Amateur Radio's role in society, frequency allocations, regulatory matters and promotion of Amateur Radio as part of an educational agenda. The MoU calls for a workshop to be held for the senior staff of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Postal Services. Members of the Ministry of Higher Education and the Research and Technology agency will also attend the workshop.

In early June, a senior South Sudan telecommunications official will attend an IARU Administrator's Course in Accra, Ghana to observe ITU and IARU. This travel will be made possible thanks to the valuable support of the Yasme Foundation www.yasme.org.

As Amateur Radio is only provisionally regulated in South Sudan, the Radio Arcala Fellowship Group of Finland, OH8X, was granted a provisional license Z81X to facilitate operating events during visits by the project representatives. We expect that Z81X will be activated several times during the course of this project, notably on low bands and in CQWW Contests.

Just today, the initial Z81X activity, with one radio only, was concluded with more than 20.000 QSOs. QSOs were split evenly between the three major population areas of the world - Europe 8693 (43%), North America 5774 (29%) and Asia 5162 (26%). The Finnish duo - Olli, OH0XX and Martti, OH2BH - has now returned to their native Finland. See www.qrz.com/db/Z81X.

As the entire project is carried out on a voluntary basis, the group will accept donations to be used solely for offsetting direct project expenses incurred in South Sudan. ClubLog OQRS is now active for QSL requests (bureau or direct) and project support..

We are pleased to acknowledge the support of Mr. Pekka Haavisto, the Finnish Foreign Minister's Special Representative to the Horn of Africa and Sudan. We also acknowledge the supporting efforts of Mr. Amul Behera of Rock City Investments, Juba, Dr Anu Kantele of Helsinki University Central Hospital, Massimo, Z81B (IZ0EGB), Diya, Z81D (YI1DZ) and Ken, Z81Z (K4ZW) for supporting the project and welcoming the latest country of the world to the valued ranks of Amateur Radio.

Z81X QSL manager is OH0XX, QRZ.com."



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Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>**

**ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
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<http://www.facebook.com/NorthernOhioDxAssociation>



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